

Walnut Twig Beetle Survey: Vector of Thousand Cankers of Walnut Farm Bill Survey Work Plan - Fiscal Year 2011

Cooperator:	Kansas Department of Agriculture		
State:	Kansas		
Project:	Walnut Twig Beetle Survey: Vector of Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut		
Project funding source:	Priority Survey <input type="checkbox"/> State Discretionary Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Other Line Item Pest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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This Work Plan reflects a cooperative relationship between the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) (the Cooperator) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ). It outlines the mission-related goals, objectives, and anticipated accomplishments as well as the approach for conducting a Thousand Cankers of Walnut survey and the related roles and responsibilities of the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the related roles and responsibilities of the parties as negotiated.

I) OBJECTIVES AND NEED FOR ASSISTANCE

The walnut twig beetle, *Pityophthorus juglandis*, (pest of national and state concern) and thousand cankers disease of walnuts has been detected in several states in the western United States, Tennessee and as close as eastern Colorado, but is not known to occur in Kansas. Early detection and containment of this pest is of great importance since it can cause the demise of walnut trees which are of great economic value.

Quarantines on the movement of walnut are in place in Kansas and other states. Many of these quarantines require survey to take place in the state that the walnut originated. Also since the find in Tennessee, it is unknown where this pest occurs. The need to identify the status of this pest is great. Kansas needs financial assistance in order to carry out a comprehensive survey to protect Kansas' walnut industry.

II) RESULTS OR BENEFITS EXPECTED

The Cooperator seeks to conduct a program which is expected to result in:

A. What results or benefits will be derived from the cooperative effort?

1. Geographic assessment will occur from data gathered on locations of black walnut populations.
2. Identification of pathways so action can be taken to stop further spread of pests.
3. Support domestic and foreign exports of walnut trees and wood from Kansas.
4. Survey and identification of the Walnut Twig Beetle, vector of the *Geosmithia* fungus that causes thousand cankers disease of walnut, if present.

III) APPROACH

What is the plan of action or approach to the work?

Visual surveys of walnut trees in the Eastern third of Kansas will be conducted beginning in July through September. Samples will be taken from walnut trees, if there are signs of the disease. A knife will be used to shave bark to look for cankers and pruners and pole chainsaws will be used to take samples.

The state entomologist, will screen targets and then send targets to, Dr. Don Bright at Colorado State University, a qualified identifier. If cankers are found on walnut trees then these samples will be sent to the Great Plains Diagnostic Network (GPDN) at Kansas State University for identification. These samples will be double bagged and brought to the lab.

A. The Cooperator and APHIS Mutually Agree to/that:

- Utilize Cooperator and APHIS program funding, as outlined in the Financial Plan, within the authorized parameters to support survey, detection and objectives.

1. What is the quantitative projection of accomplishments to be achieved?

a. By activity or function, what are the anticipated accomplishments by month, quarter, or other specified intervals?

- Visual surveys will occur from July through September looking for flagged limbs, thinning crowns and entry/exit holes, samples will be taken from suspect walnut trees.
- Fact sheets, webpage, resources, and pest reporting will be continually updated as new information becomes available.
- Data will be entered into the NAPIS database when pest identification is confirmed and/or becomes available.
- GPS coordinates will be included with surveys.
- Geographic assessment will occur from data gathered on locations of black walnut populations.
- Survey and identification of the Walnut Twig Beetle, vector of the *Geosmithia* fungus, if present.
- Survey and identification of the *Geosmithia* fungus, if present.

b. What criteria will be used to evaluate the project? What are the anticipated results and successes?

- Pest detection survey activities completed.
- All data collected from the pest detection survey is entered into the NAPIS database.
- SPHD, SPRO, PSS, SSC meetings to keep updated on issues, if needed.
- Presence or absence of Walnut Twig Beetle.
- Presence or absence of the *Geosmithia* fungus.
- Increase collaboration potential with other agencies or university.
- Better knowledge for the walnut and wood industry.
- Better knowledge of black walnut populations.
- Better knowledge of high risk sites.

c. Methodology used to determine if identified needs are met and results and benefits achieved:

1. Identified needs are met

- Survey completed within timeframe specified.

2. Results and benefits are achieved

- Review of the NAPIS database to ensure that data from the pest detection activities have been entered.
- Review of the accomplishment reports, supporting outreach materials (if applicable), and maps.
- SPHD, SPRO, PSS, SSC meetings to keep updated on issues.

2. What type of data will be collected and how will it be maintained?

a. Address timelines for collection and recording of data.

All survey data from cooperative agreements involving pest surveys will be entered by the State Survey Coordinator or KDA staff into the NAPIS database to include but not limited to observation number, observation date, data source, state/county, site code, pest code, pest status, and survey method.

The data entry requirements are:

- Enter new national, state, and county records into NAPIS database within 48 hours of confirmation of a pest or pathogen identification by a recognized identifier.
- Non-time sensitive records, including negative data, must be entered into NAPIS within 2 weeks of confirmation.
- Negative data will be entered within 2 weeks of decommissioning a trap, obtaining the results from an identifier, or performing a laboratory assay.

- Survey data will be collected with GPS technology for internal pathway analyses. Survey maps will be developed from approved GIS mapping software.

b. How will APHIS be provided access to the data?

- Complete, accurate, and timely pest survey data will be entered into NAPIS using approved protocol and accessible.
- Semi-annual and annual survey reports submitted to Western Region.

B. The Cooperator will:

- Document locations by GPS coordinate.
- Mileage for personal vehicles for travel of KDA staff for conducting survey and collecting data.
- Equipment used in this survey will be maintained by cooperator upon completion of project.
- Conduct surveys in black walnut high risk areas in the northeastern part of Kansas from July 2011 to September 2011.
- Hire temporary/seasonal staff to do visual survey.
- Supply GPS equipment.
- Provide KDA staff when needed.
- Provide rental vehicle and fuel for travel for conducting survey and collecting data.
- Provide lodging when needed.

1. By function, what work is to be accomplished?

- Visual surveys will occur from July through September looking for flagged limbs, thinning crowns and entry/exit holes, samples will be taken from suspect walnut trees.
- If samples are taken from walnut trees, the samples will be doubled bagged and taken to the GPDN lab.
- Survey will be done with temporary/seasonal help and KDA full time employees when needed. Temp employees will be trained and monitored by the State Survey Entomologist and State Survey Coordinator.
- Screening of suspect insects will be done by the state entomologist.
- Data will be entered into the NAPIS database when pest identification is confirmed and/or becomes available.
- GPS coordinates will be included with surveys.
- Suspect specimens in traps will be sent to a qualified identifier.
- Fact sheets, webpage, resources, and pest reporting will be continually updated as new information becomes available.
- Geographic assessment will occur from data gathered on locations of black walnut populations.
- Survey and identification of the Walnut Twig Beetle, vector of the *Geosmithia* fungus, if present.
- Survey and identification of the *Geosmithia* fungus, if present.

2. What resources are required to perform the work?

- State entomologist to screen for suspect walnut twig beetles.
- Qualified identifier for walnut twig beetle.
- GPDN lab for tree samples sent for fungus identification.
- Temporary/seasonal employee to be hired through CAPS survey to conduct survey.
- KDA permanent staff will help when needed for collection and training.
- GPS unit and map for locations.
- Rental vehicle and fuel.
- Provided by Cooperator, office space with associated services and utilities, computers and other office equipment for the use of Cooperator personnel. These include digital camera and computer with internet service. Computers will be used for entering survey data into the state survey database and NAPIS database.

3. What numbers and types of personnel will be needed and what will they be doing?

- Temporary/seasonal employee to conduct survey.
- Data acquired will be entered into NAPIS by State Survey Coordinator or KDA staff.
- KDA staff will help when needed for collection and training.
- Qualified identifier for walnut twig beetle.
- GPDN lab for tree samples sent for fungus identification.

4. What equipment will be needed to perform the work? Include major items of equipment with a value of \$5,000 or more.

- a. What equipment will be provided by the cooperator?** N/A
- b. What equipment will be provided by APHIS?** N/A
- c. What equipment will be purchased in whole or in part with APHIS funds?**
Pole chainsaws
- d. How will the equipment be used?** Taking samples in suspect trees.
- e. What is the proposed method of disposition of the equipment upon termination of the agreement/project?** Store for future surveys.

5. Identify information technology equipment, e.g., computers, and their ancillary components.

- GPS units to document locations
- KDA computers with internet to enter data
- Digital cameras

6. What supplies will be needed to perform the work?

- GPS units
- Computers
- Digital cameras
- Long blade knives
- Pole chainsaws
- Alcohol
- Plastic bags
- Hand pruners
- Vials

a. What supplies will be provided by the Cooperator?

- GPS units
- Computers
- Digital cameras
- Hand pruners
- Long blade knives
- Vials
- Alcohol
- Plastic bags

b. What supplies will be provided by APHIS? N/A

c. What supplies will be purchased in whole or in part with APHIS funds?

- Pole chainsaws.
- Rental vehicle and fuel.

d. How will the supplies be used?

- Surveying and sampling for the walnut twig beetle.
- Surveying and sampling for the fungus, *Geosmithia*.

e. What is the proposed method of disposition of the supplies with a cumulative value over \$5,000 upon termination of the agreement/project?

- There should not be any.

7. What procurements will be made in support of the funded project and what is the method of procurement (e.g., lease, purchase)?

- The Fiscal Department at the Kansas Department of Agriculture will provide most contracts.
- Temporary staffing/seasonal staffing will be employed by Key Staffing.

- Most procurements will be made by purchase order.
- Some procurements will be made by reimbursable personal expense.

8. What are the travel needs for the project?

a. Is there any local travel to daily work sites? Who is the approving official? What are the methods of payment? Indicate rates and total costs in the Financial Plan.

- Travel will occur to survey walnut trees.
- Procurements will be made by purchase order.
- Some procurements will be made by reimbursable personal expense.
- Provided through the KDA fiscal department.
- The KDA Plant Protection and Weed Control Plant Program Manager is the approving official.
- Costs are included in the financial plan.

b. What extended or overnight travel will be performed (number of trips, their purpose, and approximate dates). Who is the approving official? What is the method of payment? Indicate rates and total cost in the Financial Plan.

- There should not be any.

c. What is the method of payment? Indicate rates and total cost in the Financial Plan.

- Method of payment is by purchase order.
- Some payments will be made by reimbursable personal expense.
- Costs are included in the financial plan.

9. Reports:

- a. Submit all reports to the APHIS Authorized Department Officer's Designated Representative (ADODR). Reports include:**
- 1. Narrative accomplishment reports in the frequency and time frame specified in the Notice of Award, Article 4.**
 - 2. Federal Financial Reports, SF-425 (replaces SF-269 October 1, 2009) in the frequency and time frame specified in the Notice of Award, Article 4.**

10. Are there any other contributing parties who will be working on the project?

a. List Participating Agency/Institution:

- KDA
- USDA/PPQ/APHIS
- Kansas Forest Service
- GPDN

b. List all who will work on the project:

- KDA
- Kansas Forest Service
- GPDN

c. Describe the nature of their effort:

- KDA - tree sampling, site selection, outreach and visual surveys
- Kansas Forest Service - site selection, outreach
- GPDN – specimen identification
- USDA/PPQ/APHIS - funding

d. Contribution:

- Funding
- Tree sampling
- Site selection
- Outreach
- Visual surveys
- Specimen identification

C. APHIS Will:

1. Outline the Agency's (USDA APHIS PPQ) substantial involvement.

a. Include any significant Agency collaboration and participation

- Provide any new information that becomes available on the walnut twig beetle and the *Geosmithia* fungus.
- Review data.
- Provide funds to the Cooperator to cover costs outlined in the Financial Plan.
- Help to make arrangements for Taxonomic support in identification if necessary.
- Provide input and oversight in the development and execution of the survey to ensure it meets national program goals and APHIS mission needs within the state.

h. Project oversight and performance management

- Review of data results submitted to NAPIS database.
- Review of accomplishment reports.

2. What equipment will be needed to perform the work? Include major items of equipment with a value of \$5,000 or more.

- Vehicle
- GPS units
- Computers

a. Will Equipment be loaned or provided by APHIS? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If Yes, please list:

b. How will the equipment be used?

Surveying for the walnut twig beetle and *Geosmithia* fungus.

IV) GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF PROJECT

A. Is the project statewide or in specific counties, townships, and/or national or state parks?

Visual surveys will be conducted in the Eastern third of Kansas.

B. What type of terrain (e.g., cropland, rangeland, woodland) will be involved in the project?

Many types of terrain will be involved.

Are there any unusual features which may have an impact on the project or activity such as rivers, lakes, wild life sanctuaries, commercial beekeepers etc? (list all that apply)

Areas might have disruption through human contact.

C. Identify the kind of data to be collected:

The kinds of data to be collected will include, but not limited to, observation number, observation date, data source, state/county, site code, pest code, pest status, GPS location and survey method.

D. Establish criteria to evaluate the results and successes of the project:

1. Results:

- Pest detection survey activities for the project completed.
- All data collected from the pest detection survey is entered into the NAPIS database.
- Maps of the pest detection survey activities are produced to aid in planning of future pest detection surveys, pathway risk analysis, and outreach activities.
- State CAPS and KDA meetings to keep updated on issues.

2. Successes:

- No pests found that would require regulatory action.
- Identification of high risk areas.
- Increased knowledge of resource locations.

F. Methodology used to determine if the results and benefits are achieved:

1. Identified needs are met:

- Survey completed in timeframe specified.

2. Results and benefits are achieved:

- Review of the NAPIS database to ensure that data from the pest detection activities have been entered.
- Review the accomplishment reports, supporting outreach materials (if applicable), and maps.
- State CAPS and KDA meetings to keep updated on issues.

V) DATA COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE

- 1.** All survey data from cooperative agreements involving pest surveys will be entered by the State Survey Coordinator or KDA staff into the NAPIS database using approved protocol.

Data entry guidance appears below.

- First record for the State and/or County will be entered within 48 hours of confirmation of identification by a qualified identifier.
- All records will be entered into the NAPIS database by December 31 of the year of survey so these data can be included in the yearly Plant Board Report.
- Survey data will be collected with GPS technology (WGS84 datum is the standard)

VI) TAXONOMIC SUPPORT

A. Person or Institution that will screen targets (Name & Contact Information)

State Entomologist
Kansas Department of Agriculture
PO Box 19282, Forbes Field, Bldg. 282, Street I
Topeka, Kansas 66619

All insect specimens will be screened by the state entomologist. Any suspect positives for the walnut twig beetle will be sent to Dr. Don Bright at Colorado State University.

Walnut tree samples will be taken to the GPDN at KSU.

OR

B. ☒ Request for taxonomic support.

Any necessary sample verification will be done by an approved entomologist or USDA identifier.

VII) SIGNATURES

ROAR **Date**

ADODR **Date**

Detailed Financial Plan

PROJECT: Walnut Twig Beetle: Vector of Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut

COOPERATOR NAME: Kansas Department of Agriculture

AGREEMENT NUMBER: Farm Bill 10201

TIME PERIOD: January 2011 through December 2011

Financial Plan must match the SF-424A, Section B, Budget Categories

ITEM	APHIS FUNDS	COOPERATOR FUNDS (Show even if zero)	TOTAL
PERSONNEL:			
State Specialist 20 hours @ \$25/hr	0	\$500	\$500
Subtotal	\$0	\$500	\$500
FRINGE BENEFITS:			
22% of salary for permanent employees	0	\$110	\$110
Subtotal	\$0	\$110	\$110
TRAVEL:			
Vehicle rental for 3 ½ months @ \$1,330/month**	\$4,157	0	\$4,157
Subtotal	\$4,157	0	\$4,157
EQUIPMENT:			
2 Pole Chainsaws	\$1,000	0	\$1,000
Subtotal	\$1,000	0	\$1,000
SUPPLIES:			
Fuel for 3 ½ months**	\$1,284	0	\$1,284
Subtotal	\$1,284	0	\$1,284
CONTRACTUAL:			
Key staffing (504 hrs x \$20/hr)	\$10,080	0	\$10,080
Subtotal	\$10,080	0	\$10,080
OTHER:			
Postage & shipping	\$100	0	\$100
Subtotal	\$100	0	\$100
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$16,621	\$610	\$17,231
INDIRECT COSTS (21.80% on Total Direct Personnel Cost of salary and fringe benefits)*	\$0	\$133	\$133
TOTAL	\$16,621	\$743	\$17,364
Cost Share Information	96%	4%	

*Kansas' Negotiated Cost Rate (Salary + Fringe Benefits x %=Indirect Cost)

** There is a shortage of state vehicles. We give the option of renting a vehicle or using personally owned vehicles. If renting we pay for the fuel and if a personal vehicle is used we pay mileage